

**INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

Property/District Name: Maryland/Delaware State Line Marker Survey Number: WO-480

Project: US 113 from MD 394 to Delaware State Line Agency: SHA

Site visit by MHT Staff: X no yes Name Date

Eligibility recommended X Eligibility **not** recommended

Criteria: X A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

The Maryland/Delaware State Line Marker stands approximately 800 feet east of US 113 and directly adjacent to the right-of-way for the former Worcester Railroad. The marker is considered eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places for its association with the Worcester Railroad.

According to the available information, The Maryland/Delaware State Line Marker dates from the first decades of the twentieth century, and was placed alongside the tracks of the Worcester Railroad to alert the train engineers of the boundary between the two states. By the 1870s, Worcester Railroad ran from Snow Hill south to Franklin City, Virginia and Snow Hill north to Selbyville, Delaware. With the line established, farmers and other industries within the county could ship their goods to more distant markets. The rail line was especially significant in the growth of Worcester County as one of the leading exporters of produce, orchard fruits, cash crops, and timber, during the late 19th and early early 20th centuries.

The marker, a cast concrete obelisk-shaped pier, is imprinted with "Maryland" and "Worcester Co" on the south face, and "Delaware" and "Sussex Co" on the north face. The marker is directly associated with the Worcester Railroad and is one of the few remaining resource-types associated with the rail line. As many of the passenger and freight depots have been demolished, markers such as this are the only remaining tangible reminders of the importance of the railroad line and the impact it had in the local economy and history. As such, the Maryland/Delaware State Line Marker is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Review and Compliance Files

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Kimberly Prothro Williams March 21, 1996
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence: ✓ yes no not applicable

Olga Padgett
Reviewer, NR program

April 1, 1996.
Date

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MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I. Geographic Region:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Eastern Shore	(all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Western Shore	(Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Piedmont	(Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Western Maryland	(Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Paleo-Indian	10000-7500 B.C.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Early Archaic	7500-6000 B.C.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Middle Archaic	6000-4000 B.C.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Late Archaic	4000-2000 B.C.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Early Woodland	2000-500 B.C.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Middle Woodland	500 B.C. - A.D. 900
<input type="checkbox"/>	Late Woodland/Archaic	A.D. 900-1600
<input type="checkbox"/>	Contact and Settlement	A.D. 1570-1750
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rural Agrarian Intensification	A.D. 1680-1815
<input type="checkbox"/>	Agricultural-Industrial Transition	A.D. 1815-1870
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Industrial/Urban Dominance	A.D. 1870-1930
<input type="checkbox"/>	Modern Period	A.D. 1930-Present
<input type="checkbox"/>	Unknown Period (<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/> historic)	

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Subsistence
<input type="checkbox"/>	Settlement
<input type="checkbox"/>	Political
<input type="checkbox"/>	Demographic
<input type="checkbox"/>	Religion
<input type="checkbox"/>	Technology
<input type="checkbox"/>	Environmental Adaptation

IV. Historic Period Themes:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Agriculture
<input type="checkbox"/>	Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
<input type="checkbox"/>	Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Government/Law
<input type="checkbox"/>	Military
<input type="checkbox"/>	Religion
<input type="checkbox"/>	Social/Educational/Cultural
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Transportation

V. Resource Type:

Category: ObjectHistoric Environment: VillageHistoric Function(s) and Use(s): Other/Boundary Marker

Known Design Source: _____

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Historic Context

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization:

Eastern Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period:

Industrial/Urban Dominance (A.D. 1870 - 1930)

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):

Transportation

Resource Type:

Category:	Object
Historic Environment:	Village
Historic Functions:	Boundary Marker
Known Design Source:	None

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. WO-480

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Maryland / Delaware State Line Marker

2. Location

street & number West Side Conrail Tracks ☐ not for publication

city, town Selbyville ☒ vicinity of congressional district First

state Delaware county Worcester, MD

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other: Boundary Marker

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Unknown

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Worcester County Courthouse liber

street & number West Market Street folio

city, town Snow Hill state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one		Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move	
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed				

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

See Continuation Sheet

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates	Unknown	Builder/Architect	Unknown
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check: Applicable Criteria: ☒ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☒ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

See Continuation Sheet

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name Selbyville, DE-MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A Zone Easting Northing

B Zone Easting Northing

C Zone Easting Northing

D Zone Easting Northing

E Zone Easting Northing

F Zone Easting Northing

G Zone Easting Northing

H Zone Easting Northing

Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state Delaware code county Sussex code

state code county code

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The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE COUNT: 1

The Maryland/Delaware State Line Marker stands approximately 800 feet east of US 113 and directly adjacent to the right-of-way for the former Worcester Railroad. A paved road, which provides access to an industrial park north of the area, leads to the marker. Heavy tree growth bounds the eastern edge of the tracks and a corn field is located along the western edge of the railroad.

The concrete marker, approximately five and one-half feet tall, is cast in a triangular/arrow shape, with two canted sides, each approximately ten inches wide, and a single flat side, about fourteen inches across. The south face is imprinted with "Maryland" and "Worcester Co"; the north face is inscribed "Delaware" and "Sussex Co". The east side is hollowed out. The southeastern edge is beginning to erode and chunks of the concrete in the upper half are missing. No date is visible on the marker.

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The Maryland/Delaware State Line Marker is important for its association with the Worcester Railroad, which, by the late 1870s, ran from Snow Hill south to Franklin City, Virginia, and Snow Hill north to Selbyville Delaware. With the line thus established, farmers and other industries within Worcester County could ship their goods to more distant markets. The rail line was especially significant in the growth of Worcester County as one of the leading exporters of produce, orchard fruits, cash crops, and timber, during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries (Touart 1994:126-128). The Worcester Railroad also served as a passenger line connecting with the Wicomico and Pocomoke Railroad in Berlin to convey vacationers to Ocean City.

The marker itself most likely dates from the first decades of the twentieth century and was probably placed along the tracks to alert engineers of the boundary between the two states. The Maryland/Delaware State Line Marker is recommended for inclusion into the Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties under Criterion A, for its association with the impact of the railroad in the county.

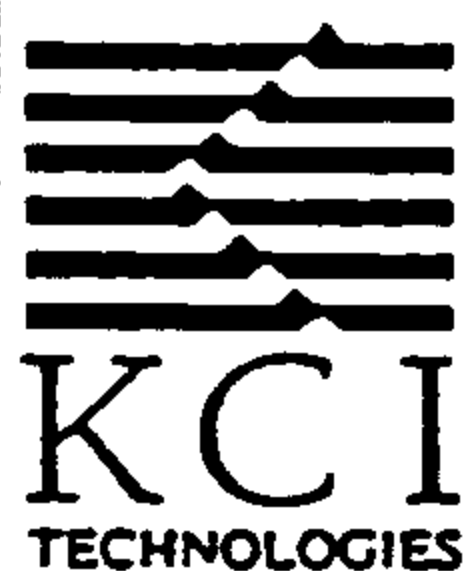
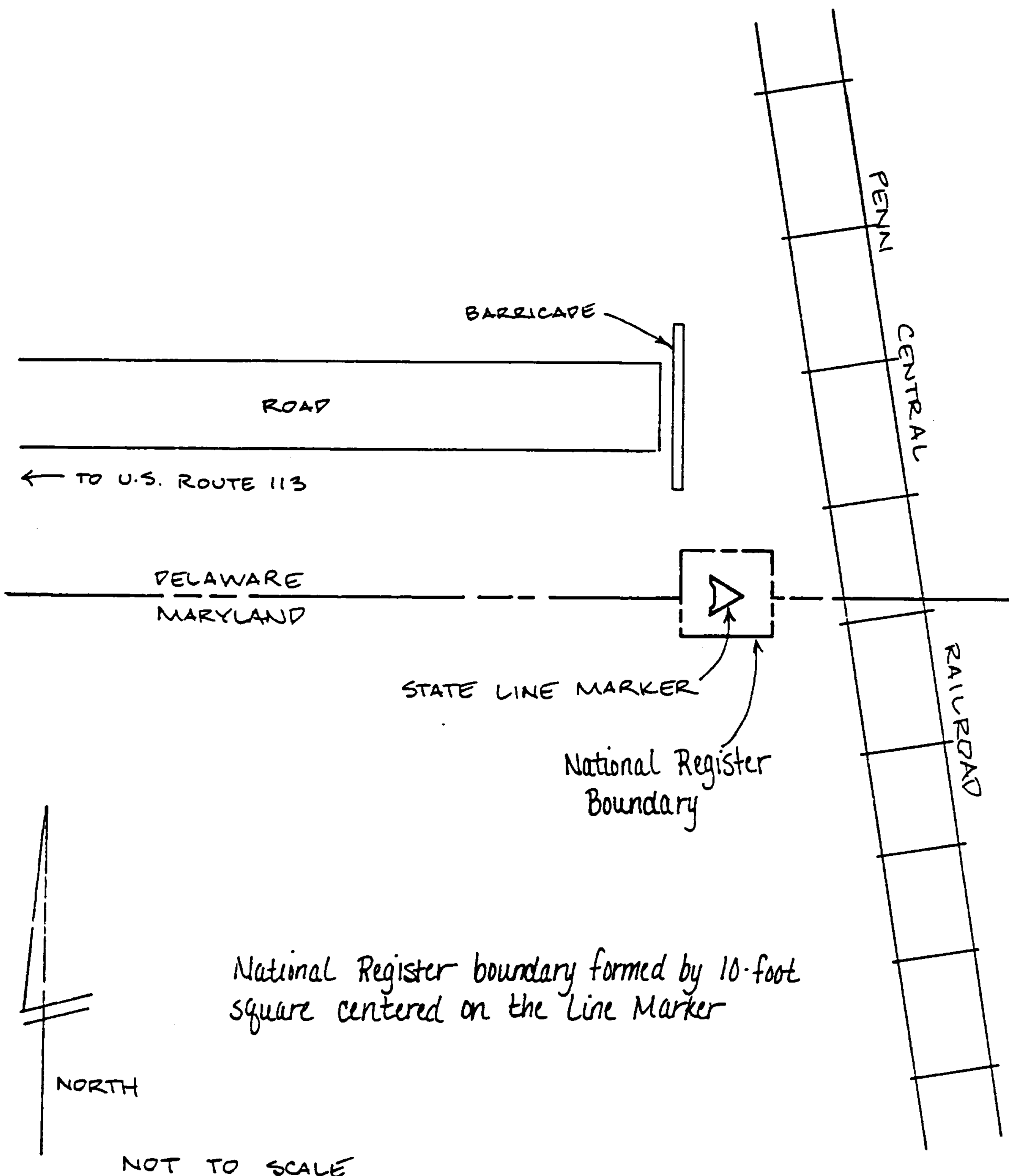
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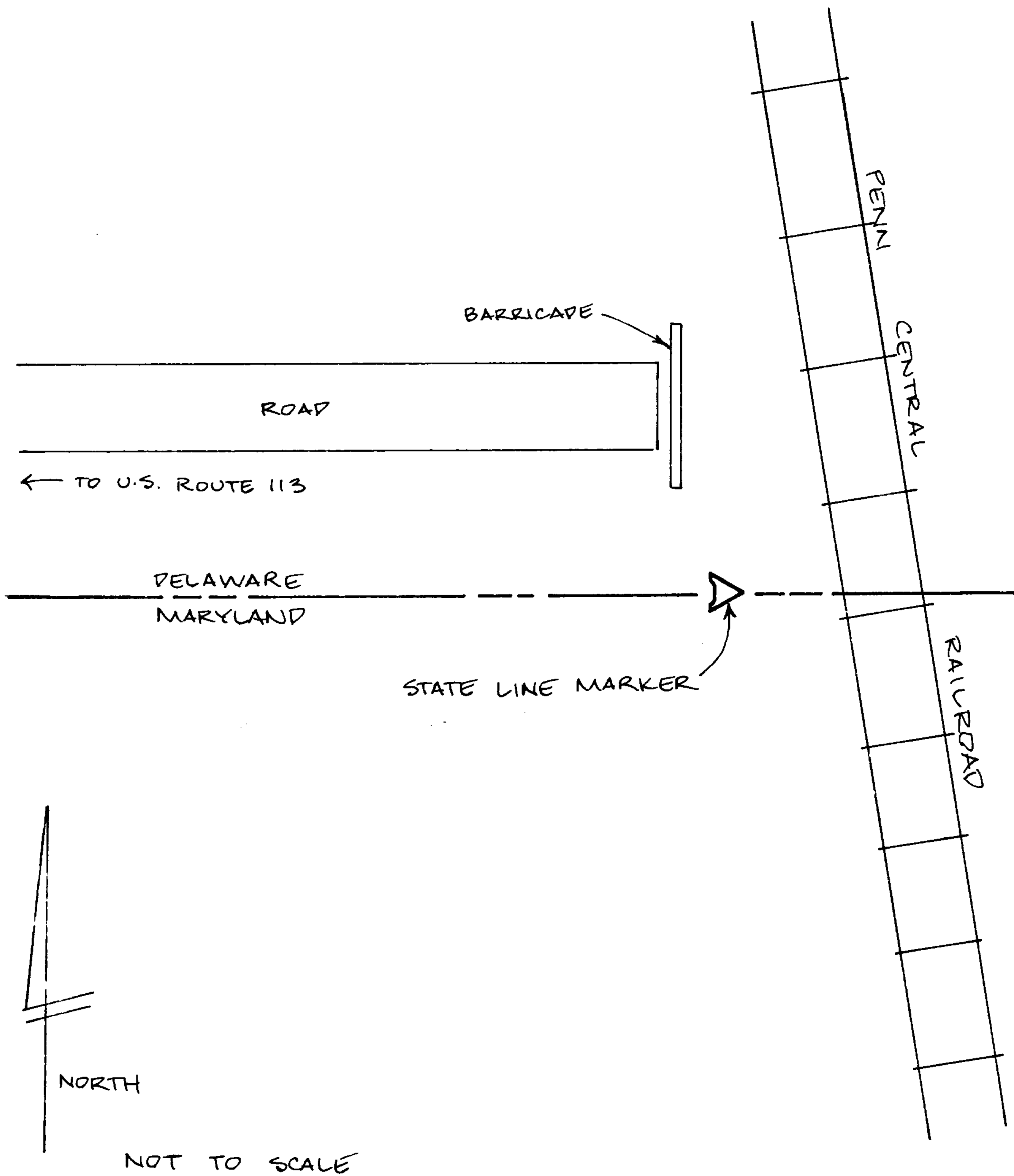
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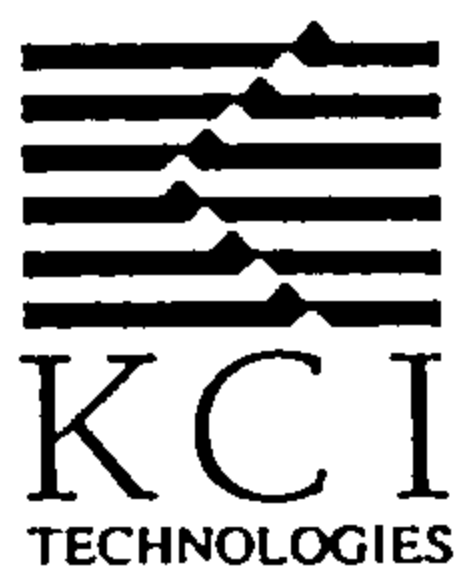
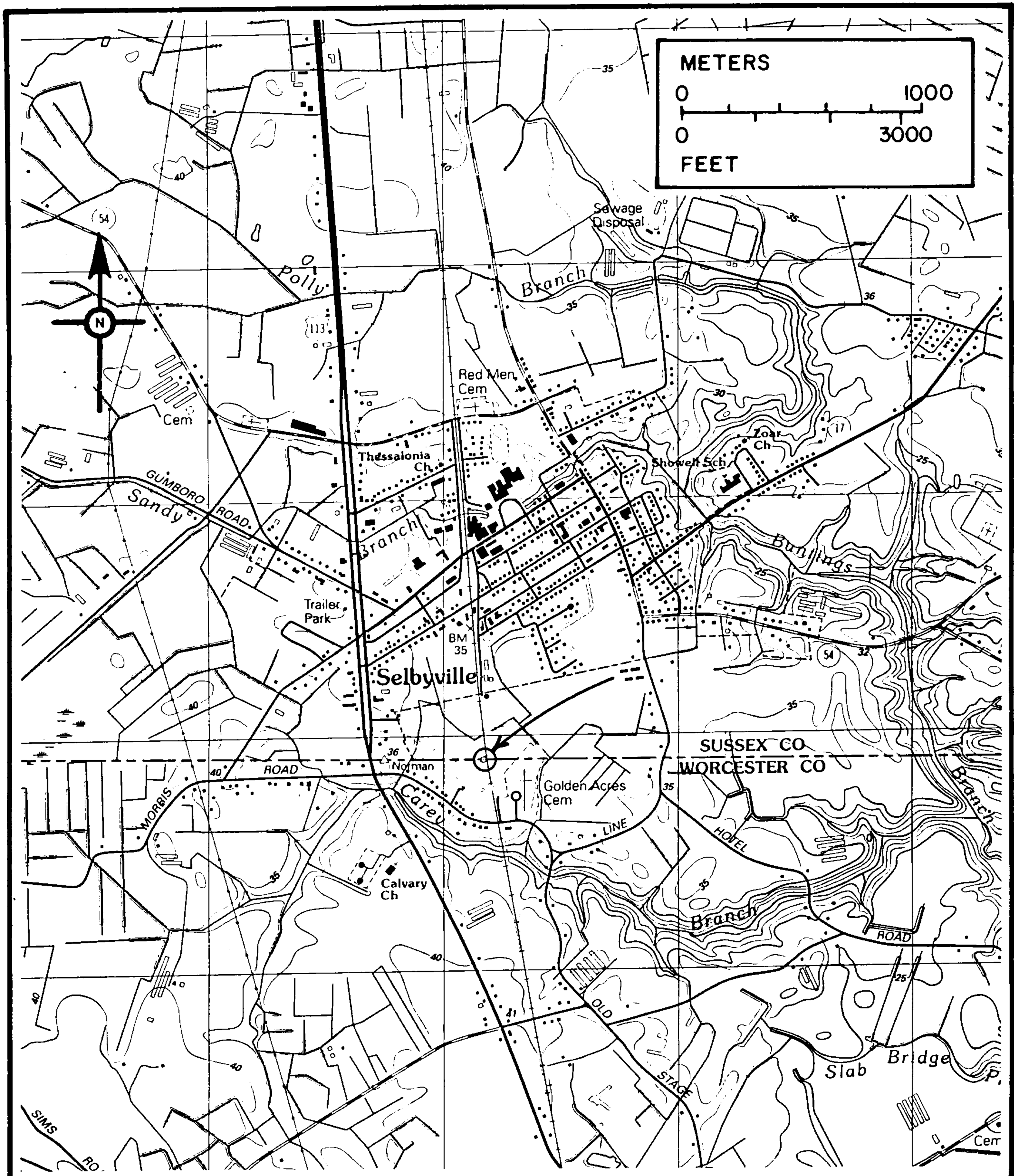


RESOURCE SKETCH MAP
Maryland/Delaware State Line Marker (WO-480)
South of Selbyville, Sussex County, DE, & Worcester County, MD
Selbyville, DE-MD, Quad Map



RESOURCE SKETCH MAP
Maryland/Delaware State Line Marker (KCI-20)
South of Selbyville, DE, Worcester County, MD
Selbyville, DE-MD Quad Map

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LOCATIONAL MAP
 Section of the 7.5' Selbyville, DE-MD Quad Map (USGS 1992)
 Showing the Maryland/Delaware State Line Marker (KCI-20),
 South of Selbyville, DE, Worcester County, MD.

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MD/DE STATE LINE MARKER

WORCESTER CO, MD

STUART DIXON

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STATE HIGHWAY ADMIN.

ENVIRONMENTAL VIEW - SOUTH

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MO/DE STATE LINE MARKER

WORCESTER CO, MD

STUART DIXON

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STATE HIGHWAY ADMIN.

SOUTHEAST ELEVATION

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